Annual Report to the EIC for Fiscal Year 1960

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The EIC Working Group on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic
Activities in Underdeveloped Areas

1. **Activities during FY 1960.**

a. During FY 1960 the Working Group produced Biweeklies Nos. 1/89 to 1/114 and Semiannual Reports Nos. R14-S7 and R14-S8.

b. 1. State sent two circular instructions to all appropriate posts establishing comprehensive requirements for integrated reporting on the Bloc offensive. CIA also prepared a new requirement for its stations in order to elaborate and to make more precise the reporting needs of the Working Group.

2. The Working Group was increasingly able to meet the needs of the intelligence community for unclassified data through continuing discussion with FI, and through emphasis in State instructions to foreign service posts on multiple classifications in reporting on the subject.

2. **Evaluation of the Role of the Working Group.**

a. The Working Group is seeking to increase the value of its publications to the consumers. Beginning with R14-S8, the scope of the Semiannual Report has been expanded to incorporate the interplay of political, psychological and other non-economic Bloc initiatives in order to give an integrated picture of the Bloc economic offensive in the underdeveloped areas. The new approach of the Semiannual Report was well received by the consumers.

b. Because of the keen interest of several agencies in the publications of the Working Group, a certain time lag is inevitable in their preparations in order to achieve the necessary coordination. It is believed, however, that the time required to produce these publications has been reduced to a minimum by the high degree of cooperation that has characterized the Working Group and by the experience of working together for several years.

3. <u>Future Program of the Working Group.</u>

a. The Working Group expects to pursue its work along present lines and to make a continuing effort to meet the expanding needs of its consumers.

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